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SUBJECT: LOS: IRISH POSITION

1. A LOCAL MAGAZINE CARRIES ARTICLE DISCUSSING IRISH
LOS POSITION BY THREE GOVT GEOLOGISTS WHO, WE BELIEVE,
ARE ACTIVE IN FORMING IRISH POLICY. ALL THREE WERE
ON IRISH DEL WHICH MET OXMAN AND EMBOFF SHORTLY BEFORE
CARACAS CONF.

2. ARTICLE STRESSES PROBABLE IMPORTANCE OF OIL AND
MINERAL RESOURCES ON IRISH CONTINENTAL SHELF, WHICH
EXTENDS ABOUT 200 MILES FROM COAST IN PLACES. AUTHORS
SAY THAT THERE IS NOW "INTENSE INTEREST" BY FOREIGN COMPANIES
AND THAT GOI HAS ISSUED 62 LICENSES TO EXPLORE FOR HYDRO-
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CARBONS. THIS LEADS TO WHAT APPEARS TO BE MAIN IRISH

CONCERN: BRITISH CLAIM OVER ROCKALL ISLAND, AN UNINHABITED ROCK 232 MILES NORTHWEST OF IRISH COAST. IRISH WOULD BE VERY CONCERNED BY ANY CONCEPT OF "ECONOMIC ZONES" WHICH GAVE ROCKALL CLAIM TO TWO-HUNDRED-MILE ZONE, AS THIS COULD SEVERELY DIMINISH IRISH ZONE.

3. AUTHORS DO NOT DESCRIBE ANY OBVIOUS CONFLICTS WITH AMERICAN POSITIONS, THOUGH THEY BELIEVE THAT US STARTED RACE FOR SEABED RESOURCES AND CAUSED "INTERNATIONAL DISRUPTION." THEY FEAR THAT RACE COULD BENEFIT ONLY A FEW "TECHNOLOGICALLY ELITE" NATIONS SUCH AS US. MOORE

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